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S. 604

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 1999

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land
exchange with Georgia Power Company.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lake Oconee Land
5 Exchange Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LAKE OCONEE LAND EXCHANGE.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 (1) DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUNDARY.—The
4 term “description of the boundary” means the docu-
5 ments entitled “Description of the Boundary” dated
6 September 6, 1996, prepared by the Forest Service
7 and on file with the Secretary.

8 (2) EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.—The term “ex-
9 change agreement” means the agreement between
10 Georgia Power Company and the Forest Service
11 dated December 26, 1996, as amended on August
12 17, 1998, on file with the Secretary.

13 (3) GEORGIA POWER COMPANY.—The term
14 “Georgia Power Company” means Georgia Power
15 Company, a division of the Southern Company, a
16 Georgia corporation, or its successors or assigns.

17 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of Agriculture.

19 (b) LAND EXCHANGE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Simultaneously with convey-
21 ance by Georgia Power Company to the Secretary of
22 all right, title, and interest in and to the land de-
23 scribed in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall—

24 (A) convey to Georgia Power Company all
25 right, title, and interest in and to the land de-

1 scribed in paragraph (3), except as provided in
2 the exchange agreement; and

3 (B) make a value equalization payment of
4 \$23,250 to Georgia Power Company.

5 (2) LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO THE SEC-
6 RETARY.—The land described in this paragraph is
7 the land within or near the Chattahoochee National
8 Forest and Oconee National Forest in the State of
9 Georgia, comprising approximately 1,175.46 acres,
10 described in the exchange agreement and the de-
11 scription of the boundary.

12 (3) LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO GEORGIA
13 POWER COMPANY.—The land described in this para-
14 graph is the land in the State of Georgia, comprising
15 approximately 1,275.80 acres, described in the ex-
16 change agreement and the description of the bound-
17 ary.

18 (c) PARTIAL REVOCATION OF WITHDRAWALS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The orders issued by the
20 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under sec-
21 tion 24 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 818),
22 authorizing Power Project Numbers 2413 and 2354,
23 issued August 6, 1969, and October 1, 1996, respec-
24 tively, are revoked insofar as the orders affect the
25 land described in subsection (b)(3).

1 (2) NO ANNUAL CHARGE.—No interest con-
2 veyed to Georgia Power Company or easement right
3 retained by Georgia Power Company under this sec-
4 tion shall be subject to an annual charge for the
5 purpose of compensating the United States for the
6 use of its land for power purposes.

Passed the Senate June 28, 1999.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.